Only 7 days to go!

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8TH GR. GOES NORTH TO MICHIGAN ADVENTURE

The whole eighth grade will be going to Michigan's Adventure June 4.

They are leaving around 8 a.m. and returning around 6. Swimsuits may be worn on the bus if regular clothes are worn over them. No cut-off jeans may be worn as swim shorts . Girls, no string bikinis.

Several teachers will be going along on the trip: Mr. Edinger, Mrs. Swanson, MRs. Cowin, Mrs. Pasman, Mrs. Markovich, MRs. Dobbs and possibly Miss Gronda. Also, six or seven parents will be going along also.

Students will be able to wander about the park as long as they are with other students from Paw Paw.

Many other schools will be there that day.

by c.dyer and c. heldt

FORMULA K TRIP...WHAT FUN!

by t.crook

Does anybody remember the fundraiser we had at Christmas for selling wreathes? Well, anyone who sold three or more items got to go on the Formula K trip Tuesday.

Permission slips were handed out May 11 and had to be returned by May22.

ALL the activities were free except the video games and concessions.

MOCK ROCK ROCKS!

Mock Rock, the talent show, was another success May 8.

As usual we had the "Spice Girls" ... twice, with Alexis Della Costa, Beth Simpson, Victoria Dean and Sarah Zygadlo and Ashley Babin, Ashley Herron, Lindsey Boulter, Kellie Nugteren, and Katie Eldred.

Missy Frownfelter, Lori Ferrari, and Renee Vesey did "Show me Your Love", Kelly Sylvester, Mindy Wolbers, and Christie Booth did"Together Again." and Ferris Baker, Eric Boff, Brian Reidenbach, Ryan Curtis and Mike Kovach did "As Long as You Love Me."

For humor we had "White Stuff" with Amanda Baxter, Brandie Stickels, and Brandon Schermerhorn. Solos were done by Lindsey Boulter, "My Heart will Go On" and Paul Bauer on a drum solo.

In addition the German Class did "The Chicken Dance" which included Matt Bailly, Candice Cole, Taylor Largent, Pam Henderson, Justun Munn, James Jewell, Shannon Ruhf, and Diana Garcia.

And of course... there were the usual group antics from Bryn

Martin's group, and the "Blues Brothers"...and of course, the FACULTY FOLLIES.. once again!

I WILL MISS YOU ...
by c. schuiteboer....

I will miss the time we've shared
The time I've cried and you've cared,
You have seen me grow
You have seen me change.
The day is near
My time is done
We are through0
I pay my dues to you
You've taught me well.
I've learned so much
So I thank you so
For when I am gone
Which is nearing soon
I will miss you.

WHY WE'LL MISS 8TH GRADE
by d.zolp

First reason will be we aren't on the top of the school anymore. Next year it's bottom of the totem pole for us. We will miss having last lunch and our sporting events in a tiny gym.

The Garfield Group will surely miss Mr. Edinger' knee-slappin' jokes. We all will miss our 7th grade friends(even though we'll see them ina year.) We will miss our two-story school and oh yeah, we will miss Sybil Shephard.

We won't miss our little lockers and those hot days in May. We will miss our friendships with the younger grades. We will miss Middle SChool.

We have memories in this building together. I can still remember our first day of sixth grade. We were all so much smaller and scared about being in the big school with all of the big kids..Our major concerns: I'll forget my locker combination, what class am I supposed to be in? why do we have so much homework?

In seventh grade we worried about who was going out with who and what team you were going to be on.

Last but not least comes eighth grade. We are finally kings of the school. We have little homework but we have problems like : high school classes, who are friends really are, the boy-girl things and many more.

In all, the middle school years were great. Hope you had fun and good luck class of 02!

NEWS STAFF for the GOOD TIMES
KAtie Tapper, Ramsey Beyer, Gordy Roscoe, Allyson Newlin, Julie Baltmanis, Matt Zinkil, Ben Husted, Sean Salefske, KAtie Swigart, Issac Ruthruff, Matt Billheimer, Mike Murray,Adam Anderer, Todd Hodgemire, Danielle Small, Melissa Roy, Casey McKenzie, Cegee Heldt, Ellen Tapper, Monika Barker, Heather Anderson, Andy Godlberg, John Hopson, Kasey Cooper, Nate Offord, Kevin Mattison, Rich REnnhack, Matt Bass, Katie Eldred, Ted Crook, Nate Carr,

Nate Maxwell, Sam Millek, Crystal Dyer, Nate Krefman, Jessica Krefman, Missy Frownfelter, Lindsey Boulter, Ashley Babin, Evan Jordan, Ashley Herron, Tom Kolenko, Kim Barnes, Katie Henley, Melissa Knoll.

INTERESTED IN THE STAFF? APPLY NEXT FALL.

WHO IS MS. HOUGHTON?

Ms. Houghton is the teacher replacing Mrs. Mahanty who is out for health reasons for the rest of the year.

She lives in Portage but has lived in Paw Paw and Kalamazoo. She went to Paw Paw Middle School herself.

She has a twin sister and a younger brother as well as an older brother.

She plays softball and baseball, She has no pets. Her favorite drink is Dr. Pepper while her favorite food is Mexican .

She likes to chew Original Trident and her favorite color is purple.

She enjoys R & B, dance music and country. Her favorite subject in school was gym and health which is what she is teaching. She graduated from WMU and played softball and basketball for Western.

by h. anderson

TRACK SEASON ENDS WELL

The boys and girls teams had a great season with some real records being set.

The team included Julie Abent, Ann Marie Adams, Kristel Albertson, Colby Anderson, KAte Arnold, Cara Arrans, Aaron Avery, Matt Bailly, Monika Barker, MAtt Bass, Nichell Brooks, Lindsey Boulter, Caitlin Brown, Frances Clare, Kasey Cooper, Ted Crook, Alexis Dellacosta, Crystal Dyer, Tiffany Davis, Lindsey Fry-Schallhorn, Katie Eldred, Mary Beth Fuhrmann, Cara Garland, AShley Genther, Andy Godlberg, Crystal Golland, Carolyn Goodman, Ginger Herring, Pam Henderson, Casey Holzworth, John Hopson, Amanda Houghton, Leslie King, Tom Kolenko, Courtney Kuntz, Lee Lorenz, Jessica Mendenhall, Emily Merz, Sam Millek, Shawna Mount, Eric Pasman, Rich REnnhack, Alan Rhoderick, Merry Roberts, KAtie Tapper, Zack Tucker, Tim VanHorn, Sarah VanStelle, Kelly Veley, Shawn Vincent, Jennifer Wallace, Lisa Whipple, Kathy Willliams, Nate Williams and Joel Yonkman,

INTERVIEW WITH MR. DOCKETT

by e. tapper, c. dyer, c. heldt, m.barker

Mr. Dockett's purpose here at the Paw Paw Middle School was teaching physical education and he observes earth science. Scott Dockett said that the kids here are wonderful.

He is 24 years old and lives in Kalamazoo. He is originally from Troy, Michigan. He is the baby of the family with an older brother, stepsister and step

brother.

And yes he does have a girlfriend but no pets.

Scott just got back from Florida on May 5th if you were wondering where he got the tan.

Some of his parting words to us were: "I had fun teacing at the Middle SChool and at Black River". "I enjoyed my time here." "Work hard and stay in school." and finally, "I'm hungry." (Haha John and Kevin, we got to him first!)

COMPUTER GAMES; TOO VIOLENT OR NOT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL?

The GT raised this issue in the last paper. The following is a letter to us by a concerned reader.

What about the games being banned from the library computers? I can say I couldn't care less. Doom is terribly overrated by some people. All it is is a guy with a small artillery of weapons shooting dumb monsters and zombies. There's no point to the game and no way to beat it (unless you know some codes and even then you can't beat it.)

In fact, I've given up on all ground-levl 3 D games. Duke Nuken, Quake and Hexen are a few. Even games remotely resembling 3D games..like Shadows of the Empire and Goldeneye.

As for Time Commando, the plot on that is so old. Some guy has to go into a computer to destroy a virus. He uses Taekwondo and weapons to get rid of fake people and objects. Come on!

That's an old black and white 40's plot. It's about as fun as watching drops of water collect. I've seen better games just made out of text with practically no graphics. I would be willing to make some games for the library computers and you can decide.

As far though as promoting violence, I can't believe that.

What kind of stupid idiot is going to pick up some guns (assuming they could get them) and say "I'm gonna blow off the head of the first thing that moves? Unless we live in L.A. or Jonesboro I'd say we're pretty safe.

NOTE: Jon Smith wrote this before the last two outbursts of violence at other schools...before Oregon etc...WHAT do YOU think?

INTERVIEW WITH SOME 6th GRADERS..k.cooper/n.offord, a. goldberg, j. hopson

Coop: Who are you?
"Dirty" : Justin Dirty Ferguson
"Bologna": Adam Bologna Goldberg
Coop: Are you looking forward to 7th grade?
Dirt: Yeah.. the girls are great.
Bologna : I am not sure.
Coop: Finally, have the 8th graders treated you with the respect you deserve and what will you miss most about us?
Dirt: Besides you four, I have

been treated great.
Bologna: I will miss your delightful mockin' styles.
Coop: Who are you girls?
Ashley and Nicole Surdy.
Coop: How does it feel to be twins?
A. : It stinks.
N. : It's bad.
Coop: Why?
A. Cause she kinda looks like me.
N. I choose not to speak.
Coop: Do you look up to your sister Jenna? Is she your role model?
A. : No she is a little slower than me,
N. Me too. I am in sixth grade and I get better grades than she does
Coop: Who are you?
Taylor: Taylor Tappia Wallace.
Coop: So how has sixth grade treated you?
Tappia: I feel I have performed to my educational standards.
Coop: Do you feel you have the potential to become the 1999 snow fest prince?
Taylor: It's in the bag, Coop. It's in the bag.

7th graders interviewed... by crystak, monika, ellen and cegee

We talked to a few 7th graders about how they feel about being 8th graders next year. Here is what they said,
US: What will you miss most about the 8th grade?
Alan R. and Brian E. would miss us.(see above list of writers) Alan mentioned also Rich Rennhack and Matt Bass while Brian added Kevin Mattison to the list as well. Mike Brownelle will miss us plsu Cory Wallace. Casey Hentchel will miss Ashley Babin.
US: What do you think about being the oldest in the school?
Alan and Mike said," they didn't want to be the oldest because they'd have to date younger girls."
Casey Holzworth said," I won't like it" but Casey Hentchel is a little excited about it.
Brian wasn't sure what he thinks of it.
All but Mike Brownelle promised not to pick on the 6th and 7th graders.
US: Your most memorable moment in 7th grade?
Brian said,"When I fell up the stairs yesterday." Casey Holzworth said," When I fell down the stairs."
Casey Hentchel said, " When Tiffany threw a ball and it hit her right in the head."
They all wished the 8th grade good luck next fall,

SURVEY FOR SUMMER by dz

1. Are you glad school's almost out? a. yes b. no
2. What re you going to do this summer? a. play and have a good time. b. work and be bored
3. Do you like to swim? a. yes b. no
4. Do you like it when it's warm out? a. yes b. no

Mostly A's... you're a summertime buff Mostly B's you're a winter person.

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE IF THE TEACHERS WERE ALL FUZZY CUTE CARTOON ANIMALS? HERE'S WHAT WE THOUGHT EACH TEACHER MIGHT PORTRAY..
Mr. Martin as an ostrich, Mrs. C. Smith a rabbit, Mr. Stimac as a brown bear while Mr. Edinger would be a grizzly bear. Mrs. Reisterer would be a cardinal, Mr. Cassell a wolverine, Mrs. Swanson a chipmunk and Mrs. Cowin a squirrel. Mr. Topp would be ideal as a Boxer, Mrs. PAsman as a Jack Russell terrier, Mrs. Schlarman a German shephard, Mr. Wilson as Polar bear, Mrs. Kolon as an oppossum, MRs. Vall a rainbow fish and Mrs. Kalisiak a house cat.

Mrs. Dobbs would be a deer, Mrs. Archambault a turtle, and Mrs. Brown a wallabee. Mr. Crook would be a tiger and MR. Ruesink a porcupine. Mrs. Markovich would be a dolphin, Mr. Northuis a cheetah and Ms. Colegrove a mouse.

For those we left out, there's always next year's paper...any ideas? let us know.

THE MEMORY WILL REMAIN
by c. schuiteboer

We say farewell to you
We are through, our time is done.
Our days here are gone.
We've waited and waited
I can't believe we're made it.
FRiends we've lost, friends we've gained,
The memory will remain.
New school, new peers, whispers in our ears.
So we wait ,
The day is near
When we gain a new fear
Until next year
The memory will remain.

AS WE TRADITIONALLY HAVE DONE FOR TWENTY- FOUR YEARS, HERE IS OUR ANNUAL POLL OF THE EIGHTH GRADERS: WHAT WILL THEY MISS MOST ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Wendy Ritter will miss ,"Ms. Colegrove, the best person I"ve ever seen." Tim Johnson too will miss Ms. Colegrove. Ryan Terry said," the dances because they were fun and we had a lot to do." Nate Verville will miss the "fun."

Ted Crook will miss " the big globe in the stairway and the pictures in the hall and by the bathrooms." Melissa Knoll echoed the feelings of many when she said, "The teachers." Richard Rhoat looked ahead and said, "It'll not be a school anymore , just a building I pass by."

Jenn Pokorski will miss" the teachers. EVen though I'm new here I still don't want to leave." Frank Owsiany will miss "the auditorium." Theodore Cagle will miss" going outside after lunch to play basketball and football," Diana Garcia will miss" the teachers.. you're used to them and now you have to get new ones."

Justun Munn will miss "the tasty and scrumptious lunches."

Dexter Fossitt will miss "Mrs. Archambault because I have learned a lot from her and I had her every year in middle school." Ann Adams will miss "Mr. Topp's lst hour" as will Amie Baugher who will also miss Ms. Cowin's 7th hour.

Breanne LaGrande will miss " the building itself and al the bricks sailing off of it," Christina Burke will miss the people. Amanda Haywood will miss the teachers who helped us a lot these three years." Heather Galbraith would agree and misses "some of the teachers who were patient." Ashley Kirvan too misses "the good teachers who have helped me the most. Also I'll miss the auditorium."

Jessica Olman will miss " being myself. Next year we'll have to act different and more mature or you might get a reputation as a loser or a dork... I'll miss this school a lot. I"ll never be a middle schooler again."

Renee Vesey will miss " the jokes, our childhood humor, the stupid lockers making us late, jam-packed hallways, smell of old water pipe furnaces ... the old creeky wood floors, tripping on the steps and people laughing at us for it..." Jessica Krefman will miss "Mrs. Swanson because I know that no other teacher gets off the subject as much as her.. but that's a good thing,"

Alex Trobel will miss "Mr. Edinger. and his humorous anecdotes." David Spencer will also miss Mr. Edinger "and his jokes." Ashley Alexander agree and will also miss "Mr. Wilson. Ashley Babin said of Mr. Edinger's jokes, "they're so darn funny. Grrr!"

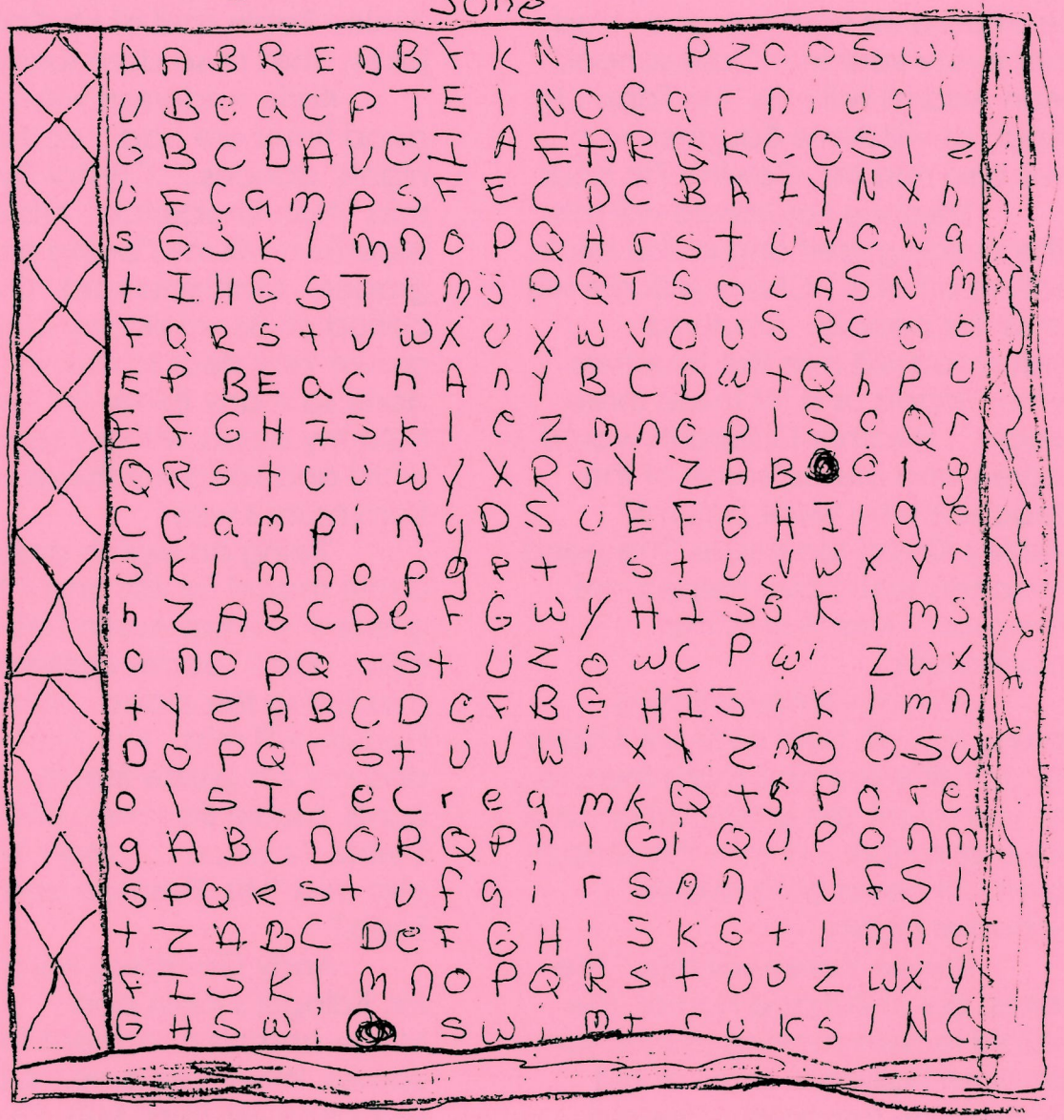
Katie Anderson will miss " the good times we had,,, activity nights, dances.." Crystal Dyer will miss "Alan Rhoderick," Kristel Albertson will miss"being an 8th grader." Matt Bass said," Over a period of 36 weeks my locker has grown very dear to me. HE has done so many things for me like hold my books without saying a word and keep my things safe from harm's way."

"Being an eighth grader and a role model for 6th and 7th graders" is what Austin Talbot will miss. Ellen Tapper agreed. She'll miss being the oldest. MAndy Hudson will miss " Mrs. Pasman, and my 7th grade friends, Tiffany Davis, Nicole Boucher, and Jenny Swintz, Andy...etc." Mary Wren will also miss "Mrs. Pasman and Mr. Topp."

Andy Goldberg will miss " Mr. Edinger's jokes and Mrs.Swanson's comment to James. Why? Because." Carrie Cubbison will miss" MRs. PAsman, MRs. Kalisiak and Mrs. Swanson..." Kasey Cooper will miss all the "good-looking 7th grade girls." Shawn Vincent will miss"Mr. Edinger's jokes and all my teachers. I will also miss every door and window and the lunch ladies and the lunches."

James Jewell will miss "my

August
Beach
Beach towel
Biking
Camps
Camping
Carnivals
Fairs
Ham burgers
hot Dogs
Ice Cream
July
June
No school
Swim suits
Swim trunks



7th grade friends." Nate CArr will miss "Mrs. Swanson. She's the best." Mary Beth Fuhrmann will miss" knowing where everything is." Tom Kolenko will miss " dances every month and other social events."

Kim Fricko will miss " the Wild wild West teachers because they are da bomb. Mrs. Cowin does a lot of fun stuff. I will miss all my friends in 6th and 7th grade." Lindsey Dalga won't miss anything. "I am so ready to get out of middle school." Taylor Largent will miss "the dances. EVery high schooler I have talked to told me to go to all the dances possible because the high school dances stink..."

Casey Martin isn't looking forward to being" low man on the totem pole again." Lacey Englehart will miss " having so much authority as an 8th grader and Mrs. Swanson."

ADVICE ADVICE ADVICE.. to 6th and 7th graders...

James Jewell says,"It's ok to goof off but not too much." Theresa Giacolone and Ginger Harring say,"Do your homework." Shannon Ruhf would suggest " Earplugs for Mr. Edinger's class so you won't be subjected to the music and the jokes."

Ashley Herron would say,"Don't let your social life take over your life. It's not everything," Justin Frost says,"Work hard." Josie Healy says, "Do good in school because you need to not because you're told to," Adam Garland says,"Get good grades and study." Josh Kennedy says, "Il'm not any good at giving advice so I would say nothing."

Beth Tortorelli says," Be as nice to the teachers as you can...Candice Cole says," REally pay attention in classes and don't mess around unless they're ina good mood. You never know with some of them." Luke Reist advises "Have fun at the annual." Steve Westbrooks says.,"Don't get nervous and stay awake in history class." Tony Frego warns "Watch out for falling bricks because the chicken wire can't catch them all."

Roseanna Fox says," 8th grade is your best year. Don't waste it in ISS." Jim Mihelich says," Have fun and don't stand too close to the building... you may get hit with a brick." Pam Henderson says," You only have one life to live. Live it well,"

Eric Pasman says, "Never leave a chicken sandwich in your locker for three weeks before removing it." Miranda Hatfield suggests " A new joke book for MR. Edinger and 6th graders, you'll like Mr. MArtin. He's kewl." Matilde Solis has no advice."They'll have to see for themselves."

CeGee Heldt says,"Laugh, live, learn and have fun." Nicole Twardowski says,"Do your math homework for Mrs. Dobbs."

Jonathan Smith suggests," Dont eat computer chips: they taste too much like parmesan alfredo sauce." Ryan Vyverman says," I"d stop eating the school food while you still can." Brandy Hughes saysm"It goes by quick so have some fun." Becky Roe lets you know that " the noisy gnomes in Mr. Lutz' heating pipes won't hurt you."

Melissa Whisler says,"Don't put gum under the desks because some people (like Mary) will stick their hands or legs into it and it is really gross." Corey Aldrich suggests,"Be nice." Brooke Jason says" Don't fall asleep in class." Nathan Maxwell suggests," Do all your homework and notes in Mrs. Dobbs' class."

Loressa Osbon suggests," Keep your books covered and never skip Mrs. Mahanty's health class." Tony Gullotti warns,"Dont talk in Ms. Cowin's class." Bryan Rohr says,"Be prepared for the wrath of the Garfield Club (that would be the teachers!)

SO SUPPOSE YOU WERE AN EIGHTH GRADER WRITING YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU LEAVE TO WHOM AND WHY?

Moey would leave her" teeeny tiny Hanson-contaminated locker to my little teeny tiny bro Dan Oberlies." Tracey McEwen would leave 'Trista Shield my locker . I give Chris Miller my mirror." Shalana Roden would leave her locker to Josh Hall."

Matt Bailly would leave "Michael Brownell the pictures in my locker and to miy sister I leave all of my math homework."

Rachel Nickolae would leave " my locker to anyone who wants it since I don't use it anyway. I use Wendy's." Nick Hannum leaves "my lucky pencil that has brought me luck and joy . I want someone else to have it too," Ken Stamper leaves " all my book covers on my book so that the new eighth graders don't have to go through the trouble of covering them." (Whatta prince!)

Lindsey Boulter leaves" my locker to Casey Holzworth.. don'tmind the writing!" Shawn Lietzau leaves " my books to my cousin Hared Mansfield so he could use them and hopefully get all his work done." Carrie Arnold would leave " my locker to Brandie Lynn Nash and my Backstreet Boys cd to Timmers Van Horn."

Drew Zolp would leave " my locker to Matt Zinkil who'll love the stench and its non-opening capability." Kevin Mattison leaves his " hardly-used grammar book to Brian Evans." Sarah VanStelle leaves "my seat in Mr. Edinger's class to Tim V. because he deserves it." Jamie Merwin leaves "my seventh grade schedule to Amanda Barker and her friend. Boy Schermerhorn. (Don't ask.)"

Wanke (?) Fetterley leaves "my terrible (uncloseable) locker to Gordy Roscoe, my block to Chad McKewin, and my science stool to Austin Englehart.

Jennifer Wallace leaves locker 325 to Julie Baltmanis. Jason Abbot leaves nothing. "I plan to buried with everything I own." Monika Barker leaves " my algebra book to Crystal to study from." Kellie Nugteren leaves "To Casey Holzworth , the cord to Mrs. Swanson's fan so whenever you get mad you can hang your friends up."

Lori Ferrari says," Cub you're my best friend. Don't let other people influence you in a bad way. MAke your own decisions and don't worry about anything unimportant. That would be the note written on my favorite door handle in the science lab. That's just for the heck of it." Katie Henley leaves " Jenna Surdy my good sense of morals."

Sam Millek leaves "my beloved locker to Colby Anderson." Cory Wallace leaves " my ABC gum in Ryan's locker for the lucky person who gets it. I send my regrets." Dave Peat leaves " the back-right lab table in the science lab (home sweet home) to my brother Dan."

Tony Leduc leaves " my locker to Matt McDaid." Melissa Frownfelter "passes on to all future French horns the spot to make jokes and be responsible and respectful in band. REmember the French horn is beautiful and graceful. Live up to its name."

Megan Krafft leaves "To Erin Hamilton my big locker with the dried flowers on the door. To MElissa Whisler mu clothes, music and everything else she wanted. To my boyfriend, my love." Joel Yonkman leaves " a bottle of suntan lotion to Shawna Mount because she goes to the tanner so much." Tyler Pennington leaves" asvice on basketball to Paul Sinkler who is trying to get better than he is."

Andrea Ampey leaves all "my money to Ashley A." Tasha Norman leaves " memories fo MS. Colegrove to Sara and Tom Donevan and to Kyrie Zack . She was my best teacher and a good role model."

Dominique Deal leaves "Brandie Nash my locker. You deserve something kewl." Ashley Alexander leaves " my never-opening locker to Neal Conway." Nate Carr leaves his to "Alex Stull." Tony Gullotti would leave "everything to my dog because he would have the most fun with it."

John Hopson would leave " the memories of me with everyone, even the bad ones because we all learn from our mistakes." Sara Butler leaves " to all seventh graders a list of all the

best and worst teachers. " (See her for further details.)

Tom Henley leaves " Aaron Mollitor my Marilyn Manson pictures." Ashley Kirvan leaves "my sister Holly two more years in this place." (Hmm. We thought we were moving next year.)

Jessica Krefman leaves " that banana sticker that has been on the floor for a long time (12 years) to my sister Rachel because she collects stickers." Katie Eldred's locker goes to "Stephanie Anders." Fred Siegl leaves " Dan Peat all the cool pictures and stickers in my locker." Sam Stubbs says, "I would leave??" We're not sure if she never finished the sentence or if she is in denial!!

COMMUNITY DINNER SUPER CONCERTS AND SUPPER!

Although the place was packed and very warm, ,(no air conditioning on yet), the concerts were absolutely excellent. The 8th grade band and the high school bands did a great job. The jazz band was a treat and the choirs were wonderful. Even the teachers sounded pretty good singing.

Word has it though that it was a rough night for the girls who helped serve coffee and punch. They never sat down at all and were swamped with thirsty requestors. We applaud all their hard hard work!

FIFTH GRADERS IMAGINE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN A VARIETY OF WAYS

Meg Thyfault from Mrs. Abbott's class said, "I think the Middle School will be different because you have to memorize locker numbers and combinations. You have to switch classrooms and memorize your schedule. You'll be in the lowest grade. You'll have to time things just right to get to your classs when you're supposed to.

It will be cool to have lockers though. You have much better subjects too. The dances and activity nights will be awesome. I guess it will be cool to go to Middle School. It just will be hard to adjust to all the change."

Brett Seymoure from Miss Bennett's room said," It will be an exciting experience. I will not have one teacher but seven different teachers teaching joyful subjects. I will meet different people with exciting ideas and meet challenges every day. When I move up to spectacular seventh grade, I will be able to play fun and exciting games and sports. My classmates and I will be the first class to enter the amazing new middle school. My brother and I will ride on the same bus. I am also sad that I won't be with my young friends. That's all I have to say so see you next year the fabulous middle school."

From Mrs. Lochner's class comes Samantha Hamming's essay. " Middle School will be adventurous because it will be full of new things. It will be a change from elementary schools. More older kids will be there and we'll have lockers and more responsibilities. As sixth graders we'll have to manage our time more carefully and will have our own choices to make. Middle School will have new teachers, students and work. Next year will hold new challenges and activities. I can't wait. I think I'll have a good year."

From Mrs. Palmer's class comes Stephanie Pardike who says " I think Middle School will be cool because we get our own lockers and some of my friends are there. We can also dissect things and we get four or five minutes between classes. If our friends aren't in some classes, we will probably see them in the hall. The really cool thing is half of the year we will be in the real Middle School and then we will move to the old high school. That is why I think the middle school will be cool."

A poem was Garrett Lewis' answer to the question about middle school after stating that he thought it was awesome. He is from Mrs. Palasinski's class.

Pencils are yellow
Paper is white
Middle school sounds great
And here is why.
They've got
Many good lockers,
teachers, and kids
Kind caring principals
Who are very nice.
English and math
Science too
Social studies
Language arts
Art and gym,
Band, library
All are cool."

Nick Kalmbach wrote the final essay we chose. He said, "I think middle school will be challenging because it will be a new school and a lot more homework will be given out. Another challenging thing about middle school will be walking down the hall with 8th graders. Teachers in middle school will be a lot harder on grading papers. For instance, on this paper I might get B- probably because of spelling, neatness and not long enough.

I think one thing that will be hard for 6th graders is getting their lockers opened and finding the right classes. In middle school a lot of kids will miss having a home classroom."

Most of the essays were enthusiastic and fearful at the same time. One boy wrote questions he wanted us to answer so we'll try here. Jordan TRavis wanted to know...

IS the insulation asbestos? We don't think so anymore... if it was it was removed long ago.

IF you found a pawpaw fruit could you keep it? Probably but the trees they hang from up alongside the building which means out of anyone's reach.

Will the middle school have pop machines? Yes but they're not "on" during the school day.

Will we get a lot of homework? Hard to say. Depends on how much you do during the time given in class!

Is it really bad to get a detention? That answer lies in what it was the person did to get a detention... Is it bad? Only if it happens again and you didn't learn from it the first time.

Megan Schultz wants to know ... Does the principal bring her dog every Friday? Yes Mrs. Schlarman, Mr. Barnhouse's assistant, brings Sybil every Friday.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? Just ask when you visit or ask your teacher now. She may know many of the answers and can help you out.

TONYA .. MEDUSA ...POTTER
by s. vincent

Tonya "Medusa" Potter was at class as usual. When all of a sudden the teacher turned to stone. Then everyone else she looked at turned to stone. Tonya thought this was pretty cook so she went home and turned her parents into stone. She went about doing this everywhere.

One day she decided to set ouf and turn the entire world into stone. After that was accomplished she started to be lonely because she now had no one to talk to. So, she looked into a mirror and turned herself into stone. That was the end of Tonya "Medusa " Potter.

SUMMER FUN

AIRCONDITIONING
BARBECUE
BEACH
BIKING
CAMPFIRE
CAMPING
FIREFLIES
FIREWORKS
FISHING
FLOWERS
FOURTHOFJULY
GARDENING
HOTWEATHER
HUMMINGBIRDS
ICECREAM
LATENIGHTS
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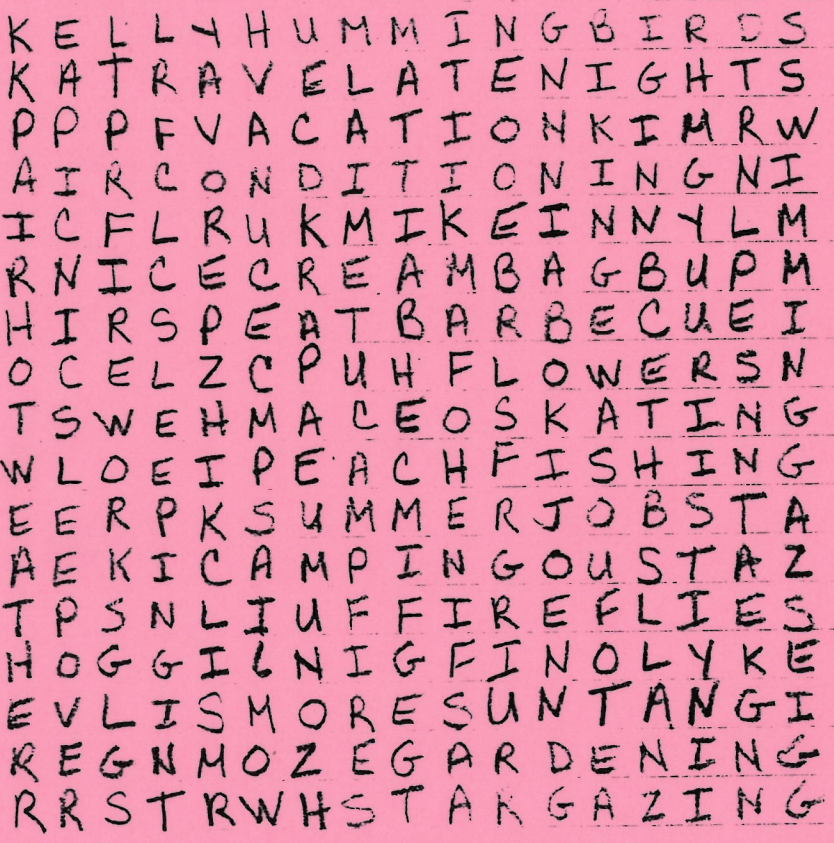

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